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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented): In a food container having a removable cover with a first cover support, said first cover support and a surface of said food container forming a sealed relation, the improvement comprising:

a secondary cover support formed in said removable cover; and

a secondary mounting platform formed in said food container, said mounting platform of a configuration to receive and selectively retain said secondary cover support of said removable cover in a manner exposing a substantial portion of said food container to outside access.

2. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 1, wherein said removable cover includes a cover side and a cover lid, and wherein said secondary cover support extends from said cover lid.

3. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 2, wherein said secondary mounting platform comprises a support column.

4. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 3, wherein said secondary cover support comprises a support extension.

5. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 4, wherein said secondary mounting platform comprises a plurality of support columns attached to and distributed about

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said food container and wherein said secondary cover support comprises a corresponding plurality of said support extensions.

6. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 4, wherein said support column defines a substantially hollow interior of appropriate dimensions to slidably receive said support extension.

7. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 6, wherein said support extension is received within and is selectively engagable with said support column.

8. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 7, wherein said support extension and said support column engage in a manner forming an elevated support shelf.

9. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 8, wherein a terminus of said support extension is configured in a manner forming a support foot and wherein a terminus of said support column is provided, said terminus having a support aperture formed in said support column substantially adjacent thereto.

10. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 9, wherein said support foot is selectively receivable within said support aperture to form said elevated support shelf.

11. (previously presented): A food container according to Claim 10, wherein said secondary mounting platform comprises a plurality of support columns attached to and distributed about said food container and wherein said secondary cover support comprises a corresponding plurality of said support extensions.